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TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD.

Your Selectmen, in presenting you with the annual Report of the past year, congratulate you upon the favorable condition of the finances of the Town. The debt of the Town has been reduced, as you will find in the financial report on the condition of the town.

We have paid one quarter of the expenses of the new iron bridge at the mouth of Millers River. We exceeded our appropriations, but we have an iron instead of a wooden bridge by so doing. You will also see that we have been called upon by the County Commissioners, on a petition of Pickett Bros. and R. K. Caldwell, to cut down and grade on the hills known as Mallery and Picketts. The work is still unfinished, and will need a further outlay of money if graded to the specifications of the Commissioners.

The highways and bridges are in fair condition. We have not expended this year as much as was appropriated for the same. There are two bridges on the Warwick road that the stone work will have to be laid over in part, and the bridge on Trowbridge road will have to be new timbered and planked. We have expended about seventy five dollars in putting gravel on to the Depot Hill, and would recommend an appropriation of $200 to put gravel on to Main Street. From our observation we believe that the Town should own its teams to work its roads, as by so doing it would save quite a sum and could have them when wanted, while at the present time they have to pay at the rate of $4.00 a day. We would also suggest the buying of a new Champion Scraper for $200. Our present scraper is so constructed that it cannot be worked only on one side, while on the new one we can use either side, and can also do all the leveling, thereby saving quite a cost. Other towns are using the new scraper to quite a saving in the care of its roads.

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

The amount for the support of the poor is unsually large, but we have a large number in all, taking those that have to be aided. We have four in the Lunatic Hospital; Mary Pierson, Kate Hanwell, C. C. Smith and Fred Nye, although the guardian of Fred Nye has paid all of his expenses. Price per week $3.25. We have Mrs. Ellen O'Keefe, Mrs. Electia Streeter whom we pay $1.00 per week, Mrs. John Cutting and three children at $6.00 per month, Chas. Lord at $1.50 per week, Mrs. Sally Elmer at $1.00 per week, Jerusha Doolittle, Amy Marsh and Lucretia Sawyer at $2.25 per week, Abraham Richards and wife $1.25 per week each, (two last have state aid) Mrs. Fanny Murdock at $5.00 per week. We have also aided temporarily, Fred Whitney and wife and five children, Dwight Cook, wife and two children and three children of Archibald Watson.

We would recommend for your consideration, the article in our warrant for the Grand Army Post, to take care of the soldiers' wives and children who are in want. We would also recommend a person to be chosen to see to the poor of the town, who would make it his especial business to attend to the poor, as it cannot be expected that a person not knowing what the laws are can have such success as one who does.

TOWN WARRANT.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing.

Art. 3. To hear the report of the Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, Auditors, School Committee, Assessors and Library Committee, and act thereon.

Art. 4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Expenses for the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to License the sale of intoxicating liquors for one year from May 1, 1889, vote to be "Yes" or "No."

Art. 6. To hear the report of the Selectmen on Jury List.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote fifty ($50) dollars for Decoration Day.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will authorize Town Treasurer to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary for the ensuing year.

Art. 9. To see how the Town will care for its Bridges and Highways.

Art. 10. To raise such sums of money for the Library or act thereon.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will pay a discount on taxes for the ensuing year.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will raise one hundred ($100) dollars to catalogue the Library the ensuing year.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will make arrangements with the Grand Army Post for the support of the needy soldiers, their wives and children.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will raise two hundred ($200) dollars to gravel Main Street.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will raise money sufficient to buy a new furnace for Town Hall.

Art 16. To see if the Town will act on claim of Charles L. Banks in regard to personal tax of 1887.

Art 17. To see if the Town will buy a New Champion Road Scraper.

ASSESSORS' REPORT FOR 1888.

Value of Real Estate,	$649,580 00	
" " Personal Property,	93,023 00	
Total valuation, May 1, 1888,		$742,603 00
No. of acres of land assessed,	19,616 00	
" Dwelling Houses,	376 00	
" Cows,	679 00	
" Sheep,	445 00	
" Polls,	425 00	

TOWN ASSESSMENT FOR 1888.

Appropriated for Schools,	$2200 00	
" " Highways,	1800 00	
" " Contingent,	2000 00	
" " Debt and Interest,	800 00	
" " Library,	175 00	
" " School Supplies,	300 00	
" " " Repairs,	200 00	
" " Carrying Scholars,	100 00	
" " Millers River Bridge,	500 00	
" " Memorial Day,	50 00	
" " County Tax,	1173 02	
" " State "	900 00	
Overlays,	293 34	
Total raised by Tax,		$10,491 36
On Polls,	$ 850 00	
On Real and Personal Property,	9641 36	
		$10,491 36
Rate on $1000,	$13 00	
" Polls,	2 00	

GEO. J. BACON,
S. G. WILDES,
C. A. MOULTON,
} Assessors of Northfield.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

ELIAS LYMAN IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN.

	DR.
To Corporation tax,	$103 08
" Tuition,	2 00
" Tax, 1887,	323 07
" " "	203 38
" Loan at Bank,	1200 00
" Isaac Appleton's account,	16 00
" Tax, 1887,	111 06
" Town Clinton,	189 17
" Hall at Farms,	4 00
" Loan at Bank,	1200 00
" Tax, 1887,	193 11
" " "	35 00
" " 1888,	514 24
" Mary Pierson's account,	43 97
" Tax, '86,	30 00
" " '87,	55 16
" " '88,	4705 94
	$8929 18

	CR.
By balance due at settlement,	$8 41
" paid Selectmen's orders,	6334 21
" Military aid,	20 00
" State "	20 00
" Ellen O'Keefe,	23 00
" Services Clerk,	22 50
" W. J. Wright,	2501 06
	$8929 18

W. J. WRIGHT IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN.

	DR.	CR.
To cash from E. Lyman's estate,	$2501 06	
" " " " "		
Account license of dogs,	142 80	
" Rent of hall and sale of ashes at Farms,	13 50	
By paid Selectmen's orders,		5349 93
To cash, Savings bank account,		
Millers river bridge,	314 31	
" Bank loan,	984 83	
" Auctioneer's license,	2 00	
" Tax, 1888,	1782 90	
" " "	254 63	
" " "	627 41	
" " "	300 62	
" " "	531 40	
By paid County tax,		1173 02
To cash corporation tax,	1177 87	
" National Bank tax,	288 11	
" State aid,	27 00	
" " "	48 00	
By paid " tax,		900 00
" " " aid,		40 00
To cash from Edgar Whitney's account,		
Fred Whitney,	19 00	
" Revenue school fund,	131 43	
" Income Mass. school fund	207 87	
" Tuition (Erving)	7 50	
" Mary Pierson's account,	40 00	
By paid County Treas. account, dog license,		142 80
To cash license billiard table,	2 00	
" Rent of Town hall,	23 00	
" C. A. Ware's accounts Fred Nye,	97 49	
By balance,		1918 98
	$9524 73	$9524 73

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The work of the schools for the year now closing has been attended with general success, but your committee is pained to confess that disappointment has sometimes met their earnest efforts to maintain uniformly efficient schools.

The Center Grammar school which was being taught in a highly creditable manner, and promising to fulfil the expectations of the parents, was interrupted during the fall term by the teacher's illness, and though a competent teacher was secured for a substitute, the term's results were less valuable than could be wished. The winter term suffered a similar misfortune, but the year closed with several weeks of excellent work under the charge of an exceptionally qualified gentleman. This school has shown a tendency to disorderly conduct, so persistent and annoying as to seriously tax its teachers, and of course interfere with the required work. It is not a fresh developement, and our experience and observation regarding it convinces us that the school needs the services of a male teacher who can meet the troublesome disposition of some of its scholars without demanding so much of his time and energy as to lessen the effectiveness of his instruction. These scholars invert the demands of common propriety and pay the lesser respect to the gentler sex; or are impelled perhaps by special admiration of brawn as a superior force to brain, at least in school administration. We recommend that a male teacher be employed, who shall combine both requisites, even at an additional cost. In the West Northfield school (No. 7) the year's work, notably prosperous at the start, has had one term approaching failure, while during the winter term the well directed and ambitious efforts of a faithful teacher have not met the success they deserve.

While there have been developments of insubordination in other schools, and parents in several cases have not been lacking in the enterprise needed to support the child in mischief regardless of the school success, we feel that, aside from the unpleasant features noted, we can point to a series of fruitful terms under teachers well adapted to their work, and fired with the enthusiasm that commands results.

With the completion of the present term the grammar school

will have had 31 weeks, school No. 7, 31 weeks; the primary and Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 9, the full number, 33 each, Nos. 5 and 6, 28 weeks each. This is in accordance with the design of the committee to lengthen the school year by two weeks; the mountain schools have had two and three weeks more than in the preceding year.

We have guarded against needless changes in teachers as far as possible, in furtherance of the principle of a long tenure which we have commended in previous reports.

One topic which has previously found a place in our reports is of perennial growth and blooms again this year; we refer to the relations of parents to the schools. It is unaccountable that the chief hindrance in repeated cases to successful discipline is the hot and inconsiderate interference of parents, while immeasurably better success would attend every branch of the work if this should be replaced by an interested support. We recommend to the parents that for the ensuing year they appropriate a part of their time and a liberal allowance of goodwill to seeing how the scholars would run if they were all helpers in the needed work. Let not the schools be hampered by ill-advised interference; while for all well-grounded complaints your Committee will hold itself ready to give consideration and remedy.

The term not having closed, we can not give the usual statistics of attendance. We note that attendance at school has shown an improvement; but the conditions are not so changed as to lessen the need of vigorous attention to the subject by the committee, teachers and parents.

It is our intention to accomplish needed changes in text books, our constant study being to obtain the best, without excessive expenditure in any one year. A change to a more modern edition of Geography is being made gradually on favorable terms of exchange; a more practical book-keeping (Meservey's) has taken the place of the one used and a fresh impetus to this useful branch given; and a system of more varied sets of readers to be rotated among the schools with a view to avoiding the familiarity of scholars with their text books is held in favorable consideration.

During the year we have prepared with great care and thoughtful comparison of the works of our best schools, a course of study. It is designed primarily for the better grading of our Centre schools, which are the only ones where distinct grades

are practicable; but it is equally intended to be the groundwork of instruction in all the schools and to direct teachers as to what is required to be taught. Teachers will act in accordance with this and are expected to give to scholars of proper age, instruction in all the branches named and to the points designated. This will serve the desirable object of removing the selection of studies from the caprice of the child and give it to the teachers and committee who hold themselves bound to provide teaching and require learning in the useful branches which comprise the list of branches published. One feature of this course is a system of more general study in the history of our country by the topical methods and in the principles of its government, which it is not less than essential that every boy and girl should receive ere they leave school; this feature is practicable in every school in our town. We need to bear in mind that the greater number of our scholars receive no higher education than that of our town schools and to base our work on the responsibility of preparing them for life. Much attention is now paid to instruction in physiology and the baneful effects of stimulants and narcotics on the system and we favor the further introduction of charts with which this moral as well as intellectual work may be more effectively carried on.

In repairs there has been a needed improvement in the furniture of the Grammar school room, a refinishing to remove the artistic adornment of the jack knife and the ordinary wear and tear. We have adopted strict rules in regard to the care of these desks and to the scholars' credit be it said that they regard with pride their better appearance and with abhorrence even the slight scratch which may come to deface them. No. 4 school house is newly painted, a new front door further adding to its good appearance. No. 5 is improved in appearance by fresh paper and No. 6 boasts a newly shingled roof. No. 7 has received considerable expenditure but a thorough renovation and improvement is needed; the citizens of that section are inclined to regard a new building as the sort of repairs needed. In No. 9 there is need of a coat of paint and a new stove, both of which the Committee will favor giving it during the year. All the buildings have received incidental repairs.

The great need of our schools for the effectiveness of their work is as thorough a uniformity of instruction as possible and

we warmly cherish the hope that the provision of a higher grade of schools will soon commend itself to the town as the means of giving a fuller preparation for the demands of citizenship, of a respectable and useful life upon every man and woman. Our town, let it be repeated, is not up to the average of others of its size and character and we will urge anew that no substitute can be made for a thorough, well ordered and advanced public school system. Northfield with its ample resourses, absense of debt, and boasting with good reason a high average of intelligence, is not at this time furnishing such a system and we believe a long step forward will be made when the thorough grade is accomplished. The room stands ready for the higher grade; the scholars who need it are crowding the work of all the schools, being educated at large private expense in schools which do not furnish the broad and unsectarian education that the public school can only give, or worst of all, leaving our schools, whose work thay have been over, with insufficient learning for success and happiness in life.

We recommend the appropriation of $2,350 for general purposes, an increase of $150, in order to secure a male teacher for the grammar school; $250 for repairs of school-houses; $300 for books and supplies; $100 for carrying scholars.

In any criticism of the lack of parents' interest, we need to make exceptions, and in general comment on the disorderly conduct of any school, we must note that we have found in all the schools an element of interested, conscientious and persevering scholars. To such parents we return our thanks for their appreciative aid, and to such scholars our word of approval.

HERBERT C. PARSONS,
LEONARD R. SMITH, } Committee.
WARREN J. WRIGHT,

SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT.

Expenditures, 1888—'89.

CURRENT EXPENSES.

School No. 1.

Maurice Joyce, cleaning,	$5 50	
Maurice Joyce, drawing coal,	3 00	
Will A. Long, care of house,	7 50	
O. S. Davis, 2 ½ cords slabs,	6 25	
Thomas Quinlan, drawing coal,	4 55	
Will A. Long, sawing wood,	2 75	
Charlie W. Slate, care of house,	10 25	
A. N. Hull, coal,	64 40	
Rufus Holton, coal,	25 67	
Parsons & Stearns, supplies,	2 50	
Mary D. Clark, teaching,	168 30	
Emma Rhood, teaching,	178 50	
Frances Shepard, teaching,	10 00	
Tillie Ulrich, teaching,	39 00	
		$528 17

School No. 2.

Thomas Quinlan, wood,	$19 93	
Supplies,	35	
Lucy V. Alexander, teaching,	157 50	
		$177 78

School No. 3.

Merrill T. Moore, cleaning,	$4 50	
Merrill T. Moore, wood,	1 50	
Eddie Cosgrove, care of house,	2 50	
Burton Ware, care of house,	2 75	
J. L. Hammond, wood,	13 25	
Charles Briggs, sawing wood,	2 00	
Broom,	25	
Belle Eastman, teaching,	75 00	
Gertrude C. Mattoon, teaching,	82 50	
		$184 25

School No. 4.

J. L. Hammond, wood,	20 56	
J. D. Smith, sawing wood,	7 50	
Callie M. Barrett, care of house,	2 50	
Nellie Dyer, care of house,	2 75	
Irene Mattoon, teaching,	157 50	
		$190 81

School No. 5.

Merrill T. Moore, cleaning,	$ 2 00	
W. W. Merriman, wood,	9 00	
Sundry supplies,	25	
Effie Bowker, teaching and care of house,	190 40	
		$201 65

School No. 6.

Merrill T. Moore, cleaning,	$ 4 00	
" " wood,	2 00	
Bertha Murdock, care of house,	2 25	
Clarence A. Smith, sawing wood,	1 50	
Otis T. Greenleaf, wood,	2 00	
Lizzie Kelley, teaching,	183 20	
		$194 95

School No. 7.

J. P. Aldrich, wood,	$ 15 00	
Sundry supplies,	18	
Ola Doolittle, care of house,	2 50	
Emma Hobart, teaching,	67 50	
Josie Lincoln, "	82 50	
		$167 68

School No. 9.

Merrill T. Moore, cleaning,	$ 4 50	
Parsons & Stearns, supplies,	1 10	
Charlie Hart, care of house,	2 50	
F. V. Doolittle, wood,	2 75	
Walter Mack, sawing wood,	2 06	
Geo. A. Stearns, wood,	11 00	
Dr. R. C. Ward, professional services,	1 25	
Gertrude C. Mattoon, teaching,	75 00	
Jennie S. Pierce, teach'g and care of house,	85 25	
		$185 41
Total,		$1830 70

OUTSTANDING AND ESTIMATED TO COMPLETE THE YEAR.

School No. 1.		
Care of house,	$ 18 00	
Cleaning,	1 50	
Fuel account,	1 00	
Sundry supplies,	65	
Teaching,	186 00	
		$207 15
School No. 2.		
Cleaning, etc.	$4 50	
Care of house,	8 75	
Teaching,	96 00	
		$109 25
School No. 3.		
Care of house,	$3 00	
Teaching,	90 00	
		$93 00
School No. 4.		
Cleaning,	$1 50	
Care of house,	6 00	
Teaching,	90 00	
		$97 50
School No. 7.		
Cleaning,	$2 50	
Care of house,	2 75	
Teaching,	82 50	
		$87 75
School No. 9.		
Care of house,	4 80	
Teaching,	90 00	
		$94 80
Total outstanding,		$689 45
Total general expenses for the year,		$2520 15

SUMMARY.

School.	Weeks.	Teaching.	Care of House.	Fuel.	Cleaning.	Sundries.	Totals.
1	64	581 80	35 75	107 62	7 00	3 15	735 32
2	33	253 50	8 75	19 93	4 50	35	287 03
3	33	247 50	8 25	16 75	4 50	25	277 25
4	33	247 50	11 25	28 06	1 50		288 31
5	28	182 00	8 40	9 00	2 00	25	201 65
6	28	182 00	3 45	5 50	4 00		194 95
7	31	232 50	5 25	15 00	2 50	18	255 43
9	33	247 50	10 05	15 81	4 50	2 35	280 21
	283	$2174 30	$91 15	$217 67	$30 50	$6 53	$2520 15

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

EXPENDED.

School House No. 1.

Parsons & Stearns, hardware and paint,	$14 86	
F. G. Stearns, work and supplies,	10 39	
F. A. Stevens, work on desks,	17 25	
R. C. Fisher & Son, repairs of roof,	3 30	
Fred H. Turner, painting,	13 75	
		$59 55

School House No. 2.

C. H. Piper, painting,	$6 00	
Parsons & Stearns, paint and kalsomine,	4 39	
A. E. Lyman, pipe,	1 00	
		$11 39

School House No. 3.

Merrill T. Moore, labor,	$1 00	
Parsons & Stearns, supplies,	3 26	
F. G. Stearns, labor,	2 25	
R. C. Fisher & Son, repairs of roof,	6 25	
		$12 76

School House No. 4.

Washburn & Eddy, door,	$ 4 00	
Parsons & Stearns, paint,	26 81	
F. W. Piper, painting,	42 00	
A. E. Lyman, eave pipe,	1 80	
		$74 61

School House No. 5.

M. T. Moore, curtains, $2.40, labor, $2.60,	$5 00	
Chauncey Reed, plastering,	2 25	
John Vorce, papering,	2 25	
Parsons & Stearns, wall paper, &c.,	2 43	
F. G. Stearns, labor,	1 00	
		$12 93

School House No. 6.

M. T. Moore, repairs,	50	
W. M. Moore, shingling,	$24 76	
		$25 26

School House No. 7.

W. M. Moore, lumber,	$16 12	
Frank Aldrich, labor,	16 50	
		$32 62

School House No. 9.

M. T. Moore, labor,	$2 00	$2 00
		$231 12

OUTSTANDING.

For School No. 1,	$4 85	
" " 4,	2 25	
" " 7,	5 51	
		$12 61
Total repairs for the year,		$243 73

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

EXPENDED.

William Ware & Co., books,	$75 20	
Boston School Supply Co., books and supplies,	61 64	
Cowperthwait & Co., books,	16 25	
Harper & Brothers, "	8 26	
B. A. Fowler & Co., anatomical chart,	30 00	
A. M. Edwards & Co., language "	5 00	
Winkley, Dresser & Co., pencils, &c.,	5 06	
E. A. Hall & Co., printing,	10 00	
Hildreth & Fales, "	3 10	
Freight,	1 79	
Sundry purchases,	63	
		$216 93

OUTSTANDING.

School book accounts unpaid,	$70 93	
H. C. Parsons, freight, express, &c.,	12 40	
		$83 33
		$300 26
Cr. Due from H. C. Parsons, sales of school books,		$10 17
Cost of school books for the year,		$290 09

CONVEYANCE OF SCHOLARS.

EXPENDED.

Sarah J. Atwood, carrying scholars to school No. 6,	$16 00	
Sarah J. Atwood, carrying scholars to school No. 6,	24 00	
Sarah J. Atwood, carrying scholars to school No. 6,	14 00	
		$54 00

RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES, 1888-'89.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,—		
In general,	$2,200 00	
For repairs,	200 00	
Books and supplies,	300 00	
Carrying scholars,	100 00	
Dog fund,	98 65	
School fund,	339 30	
Tuition,	7 50	
Sale of ashes,	1 50	
		$3,246 95

EXPENSES.

(Including outstanding to complete the year.)

Support of schools,	$2520 15	
For repairs,	240 53	
School books and supplies,	290 09	
Carrying scholars,	54 00	
		$3,104 77
Receipts in excess of the year's expenses,		142 18

NOTE. — There has been expended for insurance of school houses during the year $59.88 as follows :—

C. H. Webster, German American Co., school house No. 4,	$20 25
C. H. Webster, German American Co., school No. 2,	13 13
Chas. Pomeroy, "Home Co.," school house No. 7,	11 50
Chas. Pomeroy, "Home Co.," school house No. 9,	15 00

A portion of this is included under the selectmen's orders "for schools." But as it can not be expended under any of the school appropriations, it should be charged to town's contingent account, or a special appropriation made.

HERBERT C. PARSONS,
LEONARD R. SMITH,
WARREN J. WRIGHT,
} Committee.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Number of volumes in Library last report,		2918
" " " purchased,		87
" " " presented,		11
Total,		30 16

Number of families patrons of Library,		178
" " volumes circulated,		3412
Total amount for fines,	$6 79	
Paid by Librarian for incidentals,	1 98	
Balance,	$4 81	
Uncollected fines,		$0 12

The Library Committee would be pleased to have all patrons of the Library present to them a list of books they would like added to the Library. These lists will be considered and as many will be purchased as can be in justice to all. The absence of such lists should antagonize all criticism of books purchased by the Committee.

Library Committee in Account with the Town of Northfield.

	DR.
To cash on hand last report,	$87 88
" appropriation for new books,	100 00
" fines received,	4 81
	$192 69

1888.				CR.
April 11,	by paid	H. A. Holton, Librarian, 1887-8,		$60 00
May 5,	"	"	H. C. Nash, (manager) new book,	5 00
July 2,	"	"	Houghton, Mifflin & Co. " "	27 50
Sept. 5,	"	"	" " " " " "	5 50
" "	"	"	DeWolf, Fisk & Co. " " "	65 18
" 18,	"	"	Sellick & Davis, suppl. catal.	8 40
Nov. 9,	"	"	H. C. Nash (manager) new book,	5 00
1889.				
Feb. 9.	"	"	R. C. Ward, expenses for Library as per bill,	6 54
" "	"	"	Cash in hands of Committee,	9 57
				$192 69

R. C. WARD, } Library
W. J. WRIGHT, } Committee.

EXPENSES FOR HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES FOR 1888.

S. W. Weatherhead,	labor,	$ 5 05
Alvin A. Long,	"	80
James Campbell,	"	2 75
Clarence Moody,	"	2 25
Lyman Doolittle,	"	14 40
F. V. Doolittle,	"	30 55
F. V. Doolittle,	plank,	16 00
Edwin Lyman,	labor,	90
Frank V. Woods and others,	labor,	290 31
Fred W. Ruggles,	labor,	5 40
C. A. Moulton,	railings and posts,	67 65
M. C. Miller,	labor,	60
L. C. Miller,	"	45
A. Reed,	"	3 00
Geo. B. Kenny,	"	15 45
Winson Morgan,	"	5 25
Thos. Reed,	"	1 35
H. Simons,	"	9 75
Ralph Simons,	"	2 85
James Allen,	"	3 75
J. Merriam,	"	2 25
Chas. Gilbert,	"	5 03
Fred Hilliard,	"	9 15
Walter Mann,	"	8 78
Thos. Metcalf,	"	3 28
Clarence Stratton,	"	2 25
Frank Montague,	"	1 95
L. Nye,	"	75
A. Holton,	"	22
F. R. Clough,	"	13 30
Ansel Collier,	plank,	27 71
Isaac Mattoon, and others,	labor,	46 00
S. Fisher,	labor,	10 15
Elisha Smith and others,	labor,	42 66
David Clows,	labor,	1 50
Geo. R. Clough,	"	54 30
John Crelan,	"	14 00

H. E. Wells, labor,	28 45
H. J. Sargent, "	1 44
Frank Piper, "	5 04

HIGHWAYS.

H. W. Webster, labor,	$48 00
Lizzie Purple, "	7 00
John H. Robbins and others, labor,	35 83
Pickett Bros., labor,	35 00
M. J. Collier, "	22 36
Wm. D. Alexander, "	73 02
M. H. Day, "	1 50
Chas. Pomeroy, "	45 51
Chas. Warden, "	1 75
Chas. Britton, "	13 00
J. W. Mann, "	1 50
John Dale, "	16 65
Morris Joyce, "	1 50
Joseph Clark, "	5 70
Thos. Quinlan, "	90 00
J. L. Mattoon, "	4 25
W. L. Arling, "	25 37
H. T. Hunt, "	6 00
A. J. Arling, "	20 15
Thos. B. Mattoon, "	6 00
J. E. Thomas, "	1 50
Clifford Holton, "	41 45
James Caldwell, "	2 25
Burrows & Howe, posts,	3 00
Fred Davis, labor,	7 25
Russell Long, labor,	18 00
Edwin Rugg, "	12 80
Geo. A. Stearns, "	3 20
S. G. Wildes, "	4 30
T. Bigelow, "	6 30
E. Atwood, "	1 05
E. White, "	1 00
E. J. Blanchard, "	5 50
Michael Pigott, "	1 25

Expenses on Mallory and Pickett's Hill, as ordered by County Commissioners from a petition from Pickett Bros. and R. K. Calwell.

Cash paid M. Weeks, for labor,		$12 37
" S. G. Wildes, "		20 00
" Jerry Twine, "		8 00
" John Eagan, "		28 12
" J. Greenwood, "		28 87
" Pickett Bros. "		58 80
" R. Phillips, "		20 10
" Wm. Strange, "		23 82
" Wm. Burrows, "		14 85
" J. Twine, Jr., "		15 00
" D. O'Connor, "		36 00
" Geo. Whitaker, "		30 75
" C. I. Holton, "		82 00
" S. L. Gates, "		85 30
" R. Phillips, railings,		5 80
" J. P. Wilcox & Co., tile,		4 50
		$474 28

UNPAID SNOW BILLS OF 1888.

Alfred Lyman,	$9 25	
Thomas J. Field,	2 70	
Henry Stimpson,	2 25	
Andrew G. Hale,	75	
J. A. Holland,	1 05	
		$16 00

EXPENSES FOR MILLERS RIVER BRIDGE.

Cash paid Canton Iron Bridge Co. for ¼ of bridge.

Cash paid by department,		$609 65
Chas. H. Green, lumber bill,		242 85
		$852 50
Paid Sabin A. White for stone work,	$72 50	
R. N. Oakman, services,	21 57	
		$94 07
Total expenses of Bridge to Northfield,		$946 57

CONTINGENT.

Henry Wright, 2nd, care of library,	$4 00
" " " " " hall,	15 00
" " " " " clock,	15 00
" " " driving hearse,	19 25
" " " work on stump,	60
E. J. Blanchard, water rent,	3 00
" " toll,	10
Elias Lyman, as town officer,	37 95
H. J. Sargent, water rent,	3 00
H. W. Webster, " "	5 00
Lizzie Purple, " "	3 00
Aqueduct Co. " "	10 00
Wm. H. Moore, repairs hall,	22 47
Wright Stratton, discount on taxes,	285 62
Charles Blackmer, repairs on town clock,	1 00
C. A. Moulton, cash items,	3 00
S. G. Wildes, " "	11 47
G. J. Bacon, " "	22 25
W. J. Wright, " "	4 38
W. J. Wright, services as town clerk and treasurer,	62 60
Frank Streeter, damages on highway in 1887,	10 00
Ct. Vt. R. R. Co. toll,	4 84
Elias Lyman, registrar,	7 50
T. J. Field, " '86, '87,	11 25
A. R. Lyman, " '87, '88,	7 50
C. A. Moulton, cash for list book,	1 20
C. H. Stearns, error in tax,	3 16
Fred Z. Allen, " " "	23 10
Joel Randall, est " " "	93
Charles Merrill, goods for town,	35
Ozro Doolittle, mowing cemetery,	2 00
Sumner Collier, " "	2 00
Henry C. Holton, " "	2 00
Michael Cosgrove, damages from defect in highway,	1 25
J. H. Piper, damages to carriage from highway,	25 00
Lyman Bros., goods for town,	60
C. A. Moulton, lumber for boat,	6 93
C. L. Robbins, services as registrar,	7 50

Lyman Gilbert and others fire wards,		19 20
Geo. Tyler, scraper points,		12 00
C. T. Bagnall, town reports,		48 00
Charles Pomeroy, services Justice Peace,		5 25
A. G. Hale, land damages for road,		5 00
Charles Pomeroy, affidavits, "		7 25
W. J. Moore, error in tax,		1 04
Sheldon & Newcomb, picks for road,		5 40
J. C. Delvey, building boat, ferry,		10 00
A. L. Grout, repairs on boat,		2 15
C. A. Ware, services as selectman,		7 50
Parsons & Stearns, goods for town,		1 70
Frank H. Turner, repairs ot town hall,		3 00
Thomas Quinlan, wood for " "		16 87
H. H. Mason, repairs on town hall,		4 25
Wm. H. Pomeroy, printing voters' list,		4 00
Edwin Rugg, cutting tree near hall,		7 00
L. T. & C. H. Webster, goods for town,		13 39
Town Gill, ferry,		14 21
R. C. Ward, return of births,		75
N. P. Wood, " " "		75
Martin Dickinson, care of tramps,		25 80
F. Loveland, care of insane woman,		1 50
E. A. Hall,		2 75
		$864 56

Cash paid Franklin Savings Bank for interest,	$103 50	
Cash paid for Decoration Day,	50 00	
Cash paid for Library,	100 00	
		$253 50
		$1118 06

INSURANCE.

C. H. Webster,	school house, Farms,	$20 25
"	" " "	13 13
Charles Pomeroy,	library and safes,	60 00
"	" school house No. 7,	11 50
"	" Town Hall and fixtures,	100 50
"	" school house No. 9,	15 00
		$220 38

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} Selectmen of Northfield.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS' OF THE POOR.

OZRO DOOLITTLE.

Board of Amy Marsh to Jan. 1, 1889,	$87 75	
" Lucretia Sawyer to Jan. 1, '89,	87 75	
" Jerusha Doolittle " "	87 75	
" James Reed to April 28, "	12 25	
" Abraham Richards, 17 days,	5 50	
" Elvira Richards, "	5 50	
To moving Richards and wife,	2 00	
		$288 50

NORTHAMPTON HOSPITAL.

Board of Coleman Smith to Jan. 1, '89,	$127 92	
" Fred Nye to " "	97 49	
		$225 41

WORCESTER HOSPITAL.

Board of Mary Pierson to Jan. 1, 1889,	$127 67	
Board of Kate Hanwell to Jan. 1, '89,	127 67	
		$255 34

FRANK V. DOOLITTLE.

Board of Charles Lord to Feb. 1, 1889,	$65 35

MRS. FRANK HAMERS.

Board of Fanny Murdock to Feb. 1, 1889,	$145 64

AMOS ELMER.

Board of Sally Elmer to Jan. 1, 1889,	$52 29
Aid to Mrs. John Cutting and three children to Feb. 1, 1889,	$56 00
Aid to Mrs. Stephen Regan and children to Feb. 1, '89,	34 50
" Abraham Richards and wife " "	77 51
" Dwight Cook "	15 75
" Fred Whitney, wife and five children,	81 00
" Mrs. Electa Stratton to Feb. 1, 1889,	39 22
" children of A. Watson,	3 88
" Mrs. Mary Mattoon,	10 18
" Mrs. Ellen O'Keefe,	22 00
	$1373 87

Cr.

By cash from R. K. Caldwell, guardian of Mary Pierson,	$83 97	
By cash from town of Clinton,	10 18	
" " Edgar Whiting,	19 00	
" " C. A. Ware, guardian of Fred Nye,	97 49	
		$210 64

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SELECTMEN'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

SELECTMEN IN ACCOUNT WITH THE THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD.

	Dr.	
To orders drawn on Treasurer since April 1, 1888,		$8402 34
	Cr.	
By paid Town Officers,	$ 561 16	
" Highways,	1359 81	
" Snow bills of last year,	16 00	
" Work on Mallory Hill,	474 28	
" Bridge at Millers River,	946 57	
" Schools,	2332 21	
" Poor,	1373 87	
" Contingent,	1118 06	
" Insurance Town Hall and School Houses,	220 38	
		$8402 34

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FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN, FEBRUARY 7, 1889.

LIABILITIES.

Due as per auditor's report—	
Geo. J. Bacon, selectman,	$125 00
S. G. Wildes, "	89 50
C. A. Moulton, "	64 75
W. J. Wright, school committee,	63 90
H. C. Parsons, " "	53 99
L. R. Smith, " "	21 20
Outstanding orders,	29 85
Franklin County Bank,	1000 00
Greenfield Savings Bank,	4600 00
Mrs. Kate Sturgiss, land damage,	50 00
Public Library,	75 00
Long lawsuit (about)	210 00
	$6383 19

ASSETS.

Cash in hands of treasurer,	$1918 98
Due from W. Stratton, tax 1887,	57 12
" " " 1888,	1774 22
Interest on surplus revenue,	60 00
Rent of Town Hall,	12 50
Balance against the Town,	2560 37
	$6383 19

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ALEXANDER FUND.

Amount in bank Jan. 1st, 1888,		$1065 53
Drawn from the bank and paid as follows:—		
Mrs. John Weeks,	$ 5 00	
Miss Emma Hilliard and sister,	10 00	
Mrs. Gad C. Lyman,	5 00	
Mrs. Wm. Stevens,	10 00	
Mrs. Elijah Field,	5 00	
	$35 00	
Amount in bank Jan. 1st, 1889,		$1030 53

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